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9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

PURCELLVILLE, Va., August 30, 2019 — Mayor Kwasi Fraser and Town Council invite the community to attend the Town of Purcellville’s Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor local first responders and the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the First Responders Monument located near the historic Bush Tabernacle at 250 South Nursery Avenue in Purcellville. The monument was dedicated in 2011. The steel beam on the top of the monument is a piece of Tower Two of the World Trade Center and the base is comprised of stone from a barn near Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

Ceremony participants will include the Purcellville Police Department, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, and the Joint Honor Guard from the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and Leesburg Police Department. Purcellville Police Department Chaplain Larry Brooks will give the invocation and deliver the closing prayer, and Studio Bleu vocalist Tina Smothers will sing the National Anthem. Purcellville Flowers is donating the wreath that will be laid before the First Responders Memorial. The guest speaker, Tip Stinnette, a United States Air Force retired Colonel who was on active duty on September 11, 2001 and twice deployed to Iraq and once to Afghanistan, will share his thoughts and remembrances.

Please join us in honoring our local first responders and the memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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